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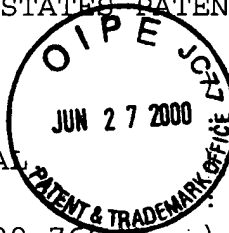
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are also enclosed, together with their
English translations.

Applicants are also submitting herewith an English
translation of Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 7-296731 that was
submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of November 2,
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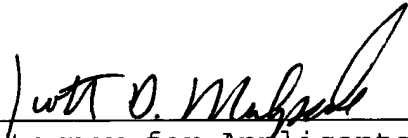
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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